(iii) The police chowki at AIIMS has been instructed to be more alert to nab unscrupulous elements.

Bunglings in Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme

1318. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the bunglings in pulse polio immunization programme held on the 5th November, 2000 throughout the country;

(b) if so, the total amount spent by the Union Government on this programme;

(c) whether camps were set up for pulse polio immunization on papers only and at several places expired polio drops were administered in some States; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and further action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. There has been no bungling in Pulse Polio Immunization programme held on the November 5, 2000.

(b) An amount of Rs. 36.41 crore has been released to 11 States for meeting expenses towards transport mobility, booth operation and social mobilization for the sub national round undertaken on November 5, 2000.

(c) and (d) States have been advised to set up one booth for 250 children. However, depending on the population density and available manpower, the states have been allowed some flexibility on the number of booths to be set up. There has been no reported case of use of expired vaccines.

Vacancies of Heads of Depots in Medical Stores Organisations

1319. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that some position of Heads of Depots under Medical Stores Organisations are remaining vacant for some time;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such vacancies are affecting the functioning of the concerned depots;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed by Government to rectify the situation; and